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AN AIRBAG COVER, AND THE COVER THEREOF

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Any documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 came to applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding PCT patent application. An English translation of the foreign-language documents is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are attached for documents C2-C5.

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